

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the application contained claims related to patentably distinct species, namely the species A-K. The Examiner required to elect a single disclosed species at least all the claims readable thereon.

With the present communication applicant provisionally elected for further prosecution the species of Figure A which is illustrated in Figures 1a, 1b.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is generic to all the species disclosed.

At the same time it is believed that claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 23, 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33 are readable on the elected species.

It is therefore respectfully requested to examine these claims.

At the same time, the Examiner's election requirement is respectfully traversed. All species of the present invention contain the common features which are now defined in claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that it is not to the benefit of the inventor who might be faced with

Increasing expenses for prosecution, nor it is not to the benefit of the public which can be faced with a longer prosecution, to elect only a single species and to face a possibility of filing divisional applications.

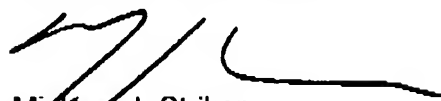
It is respectfully submitted that claim 1, the broadest claim on file, clearly and patentably distinguishes over the prior art.

In the event if claim 1 or another generic claim is finally held allowable, it would be requested to maintain in this application claims related to all species.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Striker', written over the printed name.

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